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Whereas the cold war was an enduring struggle between communism and democracy throughout the second half of the 20th century;

Whereas an estimated 24,000,000 members of the United States Armed Forces served during the cold war;

Whereas 400,000,000 people were freed from the bondage of communism during the cold war in the countries then

known as the Soviet Union, East Germany, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania;

Whereas the victory of the United States in the cold war will signify freedom and security for decades to come;

Whereas the fall of the Berlin Wall, one of the most significant events of the 20th century, symbolized the triumph of democracy over communism; and

Whereas November 9, 1999, will mark the 10th anniversary of this historic event: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the
 3 Nation should celebrate the victory of the United States
 4 in the cold war and the 10th anniversary of the fall of
 5 the Berlin Wall by—

6 (1) promoting education about the cold war and
 7 its historical significance;

8 (2) supporting efforts to establish a memorial
 9 museum to victims of communism that reflects the
 10 suffering of millions of victims worldwide and the
 11 role of the United States in promoting freedom and
 12 democracy that led to the end of the cold war;

13 (3) celebrating peace, freedom, and the prin-
 14 ciples of democratic government;

15 (4) honoring and reflecting upon the role of the
 16 United States in the international struggle for indi-

- 1 vidual human rights and the evolution of the free en-
- 2 terprise system; and
- 3 (5) recognizing the veterans who served during
- 4 the cold war.

Passed the House of Representatives July 19, 1999.

Attest:

Clerk.